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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

September 15, 1954

TO : Acting The Secretary

THROUGH: S/S

FROM : NEA - Mr. Byroade

SUBJECT: General Agreement for Technical Cooperation with Libya

DISCUSSION:

In compliance with Departmental Circular No. 25 of May 15, 1953, authorization is requested for the initiation of negotiations for a general agreement for technical cooperation with Libya.

Our technical cooperation program in Libya is presently being carried out under the provisions of a general agreement signed on January 21, 1952. At that time the Libyan Government was in the very early stages of organization, and the agreement therefore provided for a very large measure of American responsibility. Now that the Libyan Government has gained experience and competence, it is considered appropriate to revise the basic authority for the technical cooperation program so as to provide for a higher degree of Libyan participation and a more equal sharing of responsibility.

The provisions of the agreement are in accordance with the Mutual Security Act of 1954. Since the agreement will be made pursuant to legislation, it is believed that it may be entered into as an executive agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the negotiation of a general agreement for technical cooperation with Libya.

CONCURRENCE:

S/MSA - Mr. Nolting

L - Mr. ~~Phleger~~ Cowles

APPROVED

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORITY

REVIEWED BY J. M. Razi DATE May 6, 1982

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